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SUBJECT: Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meetings

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SUPERCEDES: N/A

BACKGROUND: The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee holds exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees. The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under Subchapter IV, Chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and advise the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), as necessary.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this HR Bulletin is to advise you of upcoming meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee. The meetings will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2005, Thursday, March 17, 2005, Thursday, April 7, 2005, and Thursday, April 21, 2005. The meetings will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Washington, DC.

PROCEDURES: The scheduled meetings start in open session with labor and management representatives attending. During the meetings, labor or management members may caucus separately with the Committee Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. The caucuses are closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director, OPM, under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B).

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary. The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on

Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on these meetings may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, OPM, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5538, 1900 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-1500.

REFERENCES: (Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, Subchapter IV, Chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended)

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